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MESSAGE:

Pursuant to our conversation on April 6, 2000, please find attached a proposed amendment to the claims.

The proposed amendment to claims 20, 23, 25, 27, 28, 39 and 41 rewrites each claim in independent form and these claims are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Claim 39 was amended to include a means for adjusting the plating parameter and is believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 26, 31 and 43 were amended make the term --counter-electrode-- consistent throughout the claims. The above claims were also amended to remove positive recitations of the "wafer" from the claims.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call Victor E. Johnson at (650) 494-8700.

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